



281898

Virginia Laszewski

02/13/2004 04:20 PM

To: RICHARD BOICE/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
cc: Kenneth Westlake/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Sally
Swanson/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Mazin Enwiya/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Subject: Comments on Drafts for MIDCO II and MIDCO I "Second Five-Year
Review Report"

Richard,

I reviewed the **Community Notification and Involvement** portion (p. 26) of your Drafts of the "Five-Year Review - Second Five-Year Review Report" for MIDCO II and MIDCO I sites in Gary, Indiana.

I have only participated in **one** meeting instead of two meetings (as currently stated in the draft report) for the upcoming EIS for the Gary/Chicago Airport. That meeting was October 21, 2003.

Please see attached file for my understanding of the chronology of EPA people who have been involved from the beginning of the EIS Scoping process for the upcoming Gary/Chicago Airport EIS.



NEPA involvement for upcoming DEIS.wpd

Also, is it possible to show the route of the 4" forcemain across the airport property between MIDCO II and MIDCO I in your report? May I have copies of the final reports?

Thank you for coming to the meeting the other day. Your input and help is very much appreciated. Please call if you have any questions.

Virginia Laszewski
Environmental Scientist

US EPA, Region 5
OSEA, EPEB
77 W. Jackson Blvd. (mail code: B-19J)
Chicago, IL 60604-3590
Phone: (312) 886-7501
Fax: (312) 353-5374
email: laszewski.virginia@epa.gov

EPA's involvement with FAA's Gary/Chicago Airport Upcoming EIS:

(prepared 02/13/04 by V. Laszewski, OSEA/EPEB, 6-7501)

Sally Swanson, EPA; Mazin Enwiya/Ken Westlake (OSEA/EPEB EPA); Mike MacMullen, FAA and Sue Schalk (Consultant, Aerofinity) attended a Gary/Chicago Airport EIS Scoping meeting on January 9, 2002.

Sally Swanson, EPA attended January 15, 2002, Gary/Chicago Airport Environmental Scoping Meeting at airport administrative offices.

Mazin Enwiya/Ken Westlake (OSEA/EPEB EPA) provided Gary/Chicago Airport EIS Scoping Comment letter dated January 31, 2002.

No one from EPA attended the FAA's February 24, 2002, Gary/Chicago Airport EIS interagency meeting at the airport administrative offices to discuss FAA's Briefing Papers #1 - Introduction, and #2 - Purpose and Need for the Gary/Chicago Airport upcoming DEIS.

Virginia Laszewski/Ken Westlake (OSEA, EPEB) provided written comments on: FAA's Briefing Papers #1 - Introduction, and #2 - Purpose and Need for the Gary/Chicago Airport upcoming DEIS. (EPA letter dated March 26, 2003).

Virginia Laszewski (OSEA/EPEB EPA) attended FAA/Consultant October 21, 2003, meeting with other stakeholders and resource agencies to discuss Briefing Paper #3: Alternatives. Meeting has held at the airport administrative offices.

Virginia Laszewski (OSEA/EPEB EPA) sent email to Scott Snyder, FAA on 11/25/03 w/corrections to his draft meeting minutes for the October 21, 2003 meeting.

Virginia Laszewski (OSEA/EPEB EPA) left Scott Snyder, FAA a voice mail message 02/13/04 letting him know that she met w/some of EPA's superfund and wetlands staff on 02/12/03 and advised him that the upcoming DEIS also include the following information:

- provide the industrial history and contamination history of the airport and surrounding properties
- characterize the contamination condition/s of the properties today
- identify and discuss if/how the pump and treat system for the Conservation Chemical superfund site would be impacted from the proposal

Also told Snyder that there is a 4" PVC forcemain (approx. 4' deep) from the MIDCO II site that crosses the airport property.

For wetlands answer the following:

- what type/s of wetlands are there?
- what do they plan to do in these areas?
- what type of contamination is there in wetland areas?
- what will the hydraulic impacts to wetlands be?

Also told Snyder that we here at EPA would be willing to meet with him, airport folks and their consultants prior to the release of the DEIS to discuss the above. Asked him to call when he

returns to the office on 02/17/04.